

## **Andree Greenberg - Letter requesting for information about activities at Redwood City and Newark Plants**

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**From:** Habte Kifle  
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**Date:** 3/29/2012 8:47 AM  
**Subject:** Letter requesting for information about activities at Redwood City and Newark Plants  
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**Attachments:** Cargill Letter Requesting Information\_March 29, 2012.pdf

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Dear Mr. Mapelli:

Attached please find a letter requesting for information about Cargill's activities, exclusively at crystallizer Pond 4 at the Redwood City Plant and salt Pond 13 at the Newark Plant. Based on our review of the latest aerial images, Cargill appears to conduct earth moving and grading activities at these two sites. The Water Board would like an explanation the purpose and the how and why those activities are consistent with our 401 water quality certification provisions. We anticipate Cargill's comprehensive response to our questions by April 30, 2012.

If you have any questions in this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

-Habte



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**San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board**

March 29, 2012  
CWIQS Place ID: 717473 (HTK)

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Subject: Request for Information about Activities in Pond 4, Redwood City and Pond 13,  
Newark

Dear Mr. Mapelli:

The 401 Water Quality Certification issued by the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Board on August 3, 2010, allows for routine maintenance activities and system improvement work associated with salt harvesting activities at Cargill, Inc.'s Solar Salt Systems facilities in Alameda and San Mateo Counties. Based on review of time-sequenced aerial photos, it appears that Cargill, Inc. is conducting earth-moving and adding material to two of its ponds. This letter is a request for information relating to Redwood City Crystallizer Pond 4 and Newark Plant II Pond 13 and the features identified in the attached aerial photos. These features do not show up in photos prior to 2007.

Please provide answers to the following questions and submit any other pertinent information by **April 30, 2012**. Your response will assist us in determining whether activities associated with the identified features are covered under the 401 Water Quality Certification.

- What is the source of material being placed in Ponds 4 and 13?
- How is the placement of this material in ponds part of salt production activities?
- What is the ultimate plan for this material and are the features observed in the attached aerial photographs temporary or permanent?
- If temporary, how long will these features be present and will there be a net increase of material left in the ponds?

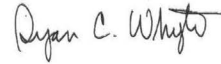
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If you have any questions feel free to contact Habte Kifle by phone at (510) 622-2371 or email at [hkifle@waterboard.ca.gov](mailto:hkifle@waterboard.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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Assistance Executive Officer

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Material in Crystallizer Salt Pond 4 at Cargill Inc.'s Redwood City Facility
- Attachment B: Material in Crystallizer Salt Pond 13 at Cargill Inc.'s Newark Facility

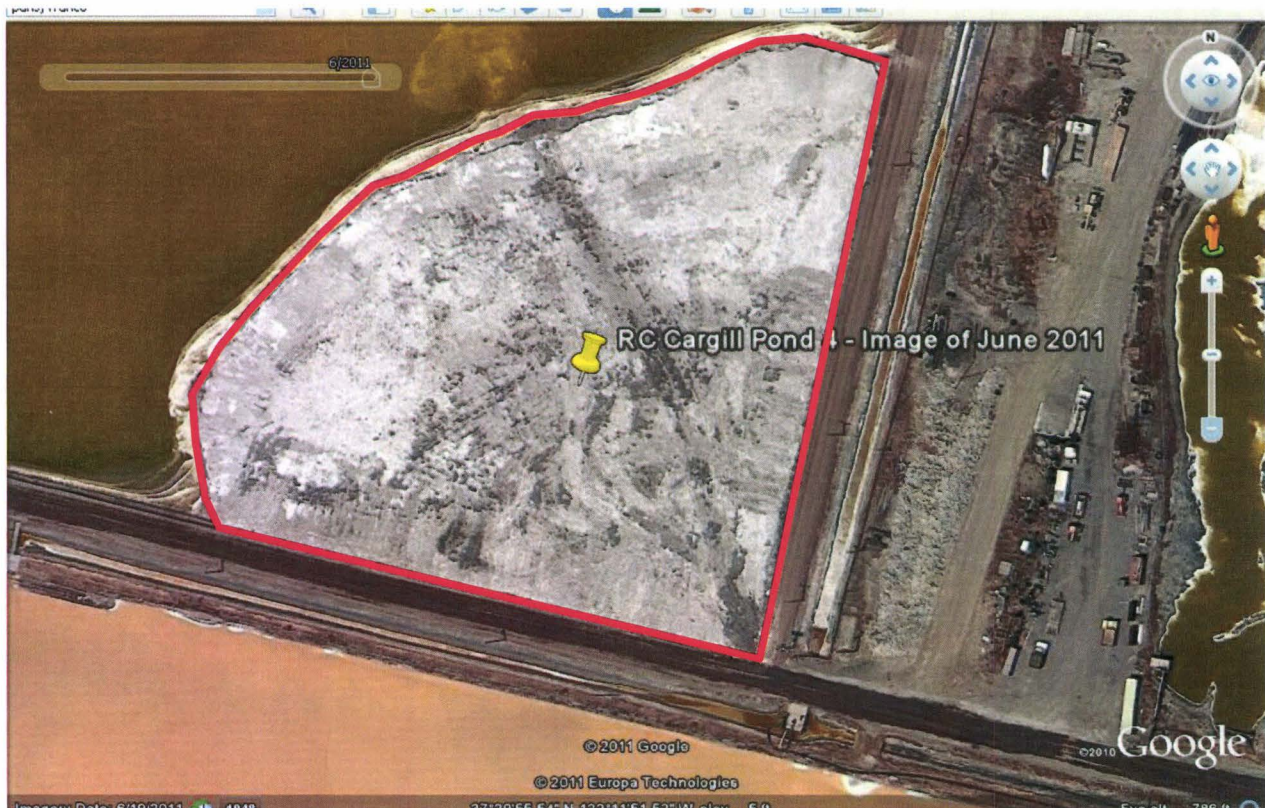
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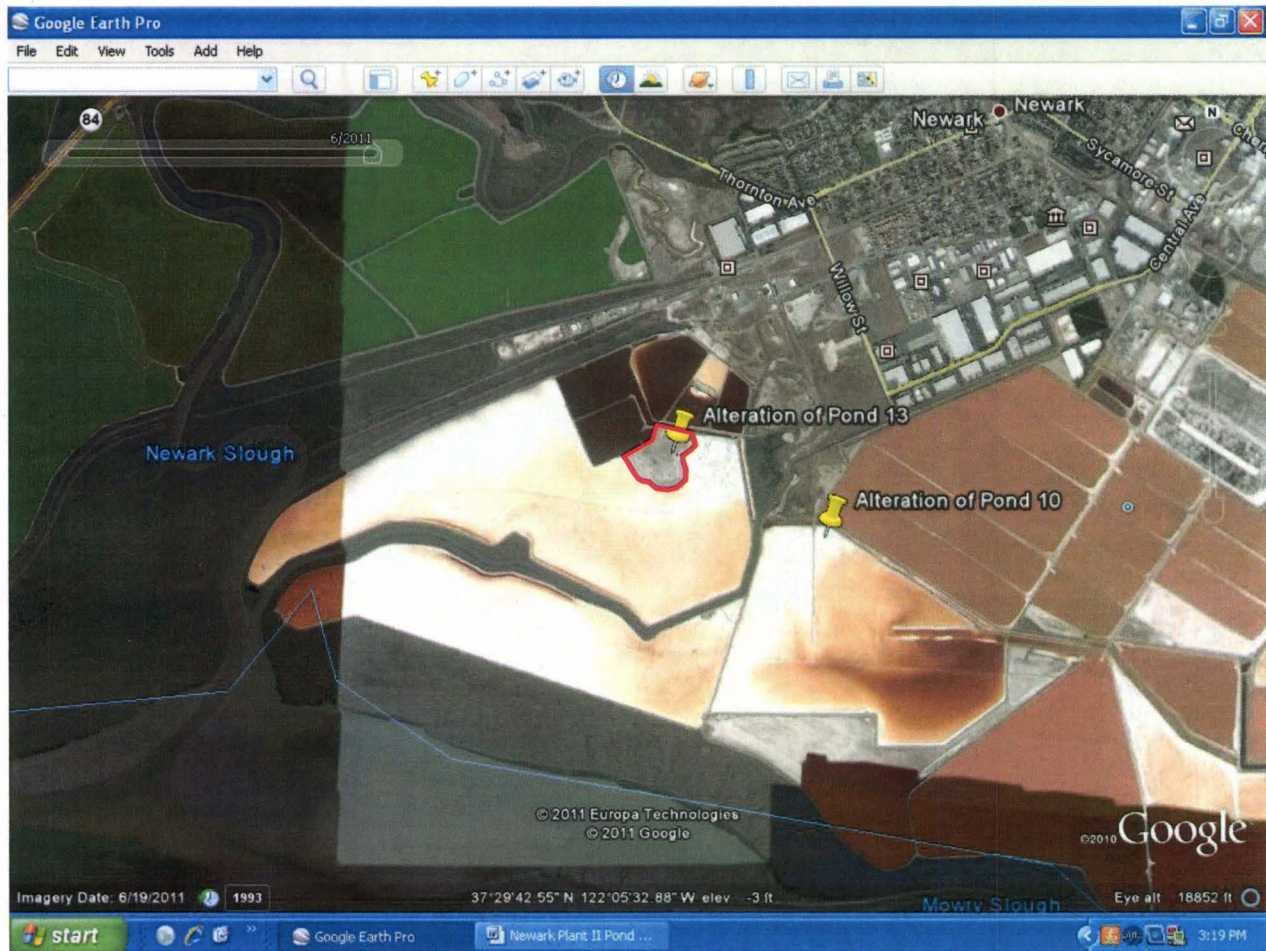
Attachment A  
Material in Crystallizer Salt Pond 4 at Cargill Inc.'s Redwood City Facility



Material outlined on Google Earth Image dated June 2011



Attachment B  
Material in Crystallizer Salt Pond 13 at Cargil Inc.'s Newark Facility



Material outlined on Google Earth Image dated June 2011